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THREE CENTS

## Historical Society Elects Papers Are Read

The quarterly meeting of the Northfield Historical Society was held Tuesday evening, December 5, in Palmer Hall. Footnotes from a 1823 History of America were read by Miss Priscilla Colton, with the suggestion that here is source of material for several good novels. Indian and colonial customs and laws and England's colonial trade were noted, also peculiar war incidents.

That Massachusetts has played its full share in our nation is revealed by the fact, presented by Miss Elsie Scott, that 26 of the 74 elected to the Hall of Fame of New York University were native of this state. This Hall of Fame was financed by Mrs. Helen Gould Shepard, who also gave Gould Hall here. Because of the centennial of telegraphy, invented by Samuel Morse, of Massachusetts birth, a paper concerning him and his achievements was read.

The annual election results are as follows: Directors, Walter Waite, Mrs. Martin Vorce, C. C. Stearns, Miss Elsie Scott, Mrs. Lawrence Lazelle, Miss Daisy Holton, and Joseph Colton; auditor, Mr. Stearns; clerk, Miss Della White; custodian and vice-president, Mr. Colton; and president, Miss Elsie Scott.

## Unitarian Christmas

Christmas will be appropriately observed at the Unitarian Church. The annual parish supper and program will be held Friday evening at 6:30 December 22, in the vestry. Mrs. George Kidder, Mrs. Bertha Leach and Mrs. Dean Williams are in charge of the supper and Mrs. Herman Miner and Mrs. Ernest Parker will provide the program. On Sunday, December 24, at 10:45 A. M. the communion service will be held and at 5 o'clock will be given the religious pageant, "The Festival of Humanity." There will be a candlelight procession by the AUY and at the close of the service during the final congregational hymn the bell of the church will be sung. Mrs. Carroll H. Miller will be the reader for the pageant and the young people will take the several parts. The music will be directed by Mrs. L. P. Goodspeed with a special choir. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend.

## Mrs. Pefferlee Directs Christmas Seal Sales

Mrs. George Pefferlee of Main Street, as chairman of the Christmas Seal sale in the Northfield area, is directing the campaign here and has already sent out the seals to our citizens through the mail, and has placed them on sale at the various stores and other public places. Already a prompt response has been made with gratifying results and the sale will be continued to Christmas Day. The Franklin County Public Health Association is conducting the campaign in the county and will use the funds to finance the war time tuberculosis work. This is the 38th annual appeal. Northfield has always willingly responded most enthusiastically and it has benefitted in the years gone by in the work and effort of the County Public Health Association.

## Joseph D. Solasz Dies

Joseph D. Solasz, well-known farmer living on Burt Hill in Winchester just beyond this town, died at his home after a long illness Friday afternoon, December 1, at the age of about 60 years. He was born in Poland, the son of Daniel and Anna Solasz, and after his marriage there to Victoria Zawadski came to America to make his home. That was 37 years ago and after residing in Lowell, Sunnderland and South Deerfield, came to Northfield, where many years ago he purchased the large farm which he successfully conducted. Besides his wife, he leaves 12 children, five of whom are in the various services: Pfc. Thomas now in England; Staff Sgt. John R. in Italy; Sgt. Katherine of the WAC in Italy; Corp. Violet in the WAVES now at Fort Benning, Ga.; and S2c Anna C., in the WAVES at Miami, Fla. The other children are Mrs. Rose Krusiewski of Winchester, N. H.; Mrs. Jennie MacGregor of Roxbury; Mrs. Evangeline Janes of Northfield and Mrs. Frances Kulas and Miss Agnes, both at home. There are 11 grandchildren. The funeral was held the following Tuesday morning with a solemn requiem mass at St. Stanislaus Church, with Rev. Ernest E. Brodeur officiating and burial was in Evergreen Cemetery at Winchester. Mr. Solasz was well known to many friends in this town.

## Post War Planning Comes To Fore Here

A Post War Planning Committee was appointed for the town recently by the Selectmen, similar to others in all cities and towns throughout the state and a meeting of this committee is to be held in the Selectmen's room at the town hall Wednesday evening, December 13.

The purpose and object of the committee is to accumulate information and suggest to the town a list of worthwhile projects to be carried out after the close of the war, in order to create jobs for our returning citizens. The type of work and project as well as the money to be spent will be submitted to our voters for decision. For this purpose the voters at the last annual town meeting voted the sum of \$10,000 and a war bond was bought.

The committee is asking the help of the people of the town in the proposition and their co-operation and invites any citizen to attend the meeting of the committee to offer any suggestion or to mail any suggestion to the chairman. It must be remembered that the purpose of any suggestion is to create jobs and the project of benefit to the community. The work can cover a variety of proposals, such as walks, highways, shade trees, reforestation, recreational propositions or public buildings. The chairman of the committee is Ross L. Spencer.

## Town Hall Rally For Sixth War Loan

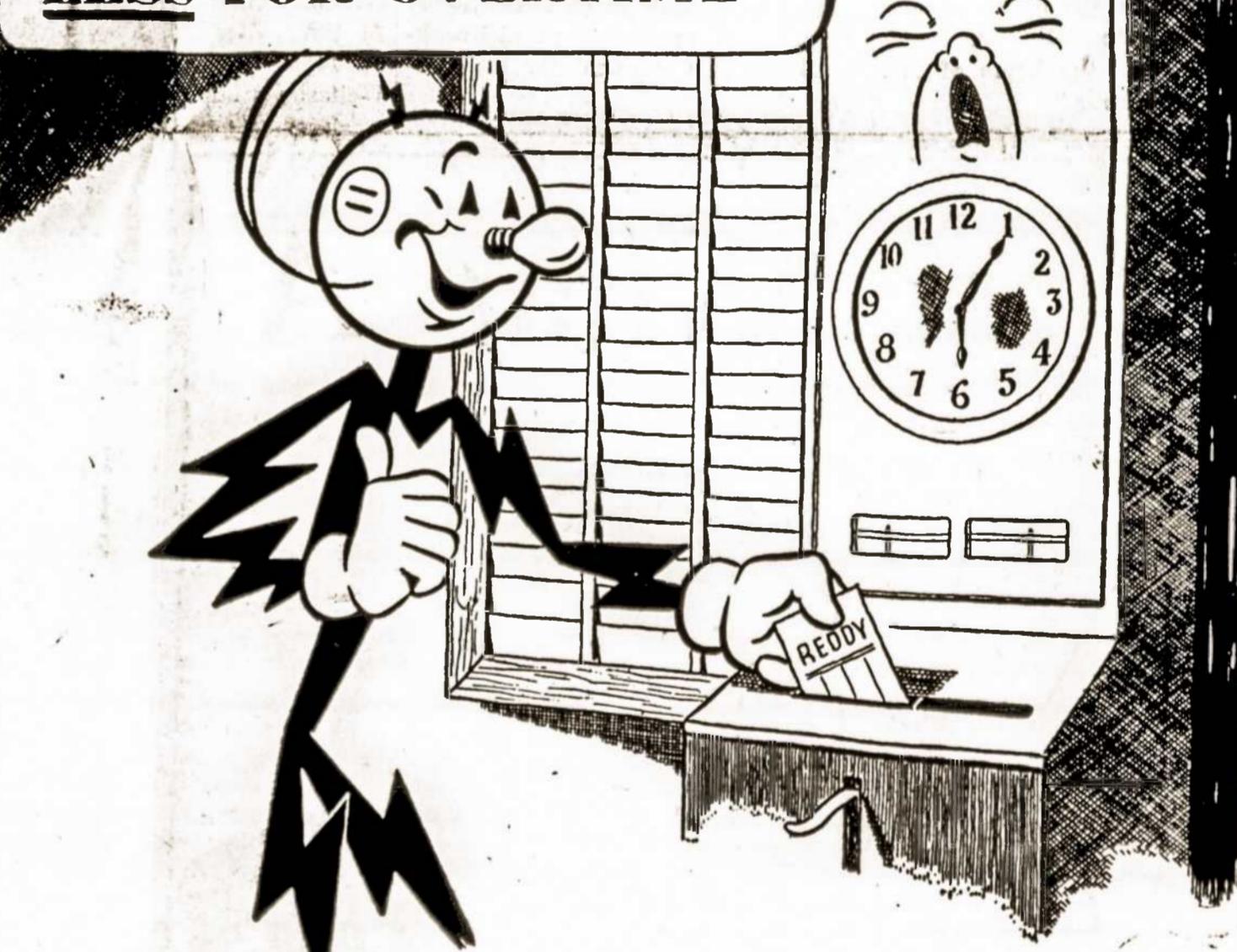
The mass rally in the interest of the Sixth War Loan was held at the Town Hall Thursday evening. It drew a large assemblage who enjoyed the proceedings from its opening to its close. The band from Mount Hermon School gave a most inspiring selection of martial airs which continued for a half hour. Mrs. Cleland Cochrane, chairman of the committee, directed the program. Supt. Taylor of our schools announced the winners in the poster contest from pupils of the 7th and 8th grades. Eva Amann won the first prize of a \$25 war bond, the second to Joan Williams of \$10 in war stamps and third, Chester Gaida, Manuel Mello and Edgar Parker, each \$2 in war stamps. Mr. Cullum gave free passes to the movies to all pupils who participated. Mr. Kellom of the Winchester National Bank spoke on the various bond issues and Mr. Powell spoke of the purpose of the loan and presented Mr. Pearsall, former chairman of the local War Finance Committee, a citation of appreciation for his endeavors. Mr. Leonard held an interview with Corp. Clarence Webber of the Marines and First Sgt. George Butinski both of whom are home on leave. Motion pictures of war action were shown and all who attended were delighted. About \$7000 in bonds were sold.



## Christmas Services At The Schools

The Christmas season at the Northfield schools opens Sunday, December 10, when the combined choirs present their annual Christmas services. The Mount Hermon program will be held in Memorial Chapel at 5 o'clock, and the Northfield program at 7:45 in Russell Sage Chapel. The choirs are under the direction of Albert R. Raymond, assisted by Miss Marian Keller of the Northfield faculty, and Carlton W. L'Hommedieu of Mount Hermon. It has been announced that the public are invited to attend these services.

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**Barnes Kelly Recount**

An official recount of the ballots throughout the state cast by voters in the recent election and in the contest for the office of Attorney General was begun in Brattleboro this week and will continue in every city and town until concluded. Clarence A. Barnes, Republican, had a lead of 14,006 votes over his Democratic opponent, former Lieut. Gov. Francis E. Kelly but Mr. Kelly demanded a recount. Town Clerk Josephine S. Haskell of this town was notified and arrangements were made immediately for the recount here on Friday evening at the town hall. The chairmen of both the Republican and Democratic Town Committees were notified. Northfield returns gave Barnes 689 votes and Kelly 158, and in the recount Barnes gained one vote from Rand. Beside the town clerk, registrars present were Chairman Charles Johnson, Charles L. Gilbert, Harry Gingrass. Henry Russell and John Callaghan represented the Democratic committee and William F. Hoehn, the Republican.

**Met Chaplain Orr  
And Writes Friends**

Writing from the Southwest Pacific, under date of October 4, Lieut. Angus MacLeod describes his meeting with Chaplain Edwin Orr, the good friend of many in Northfield. We talked of his work in religion with the service men and his impressions. In all he was hopeful of results. He spoke of the life and work of Dwight L. Moody in which I was much interested and he spoke of his friends in Northfield. Chaplain Orr is doing a fine work and I heard him deliver two travel talks on the SS Cape Henlopen to the men which were very interesting. He is a forceful preacher and has the faculty of knowing and remembering his men. His rank is that of captain, but to his men he is indeed a friend and advisor. When stationed at Westover Field and before his overseas duty, Chaplain Orr provided most interesting talks to gatherings hereabout and also at the home of Mr. Fitt, "Green Pastures."

**Former Resident Dies**

Frank W. Kellogg, a former resident of this town, died suddenly at his home in Glenwood, Fla., on Monday, November 20. He had concluded his usual day's work on the Saturday previous and while resting in his chair, suffered a cerebral hemorrhage, from which he did not recover. He is survived by his wife. Mr. Kellogg formerly conducted the store at Mount Hermon, was manager at the Northfield Hotel, owned and operated Valley Vista Inn and the IGA store. He left Northfield about five years ago for residence in Florida. Further information is not available at this time.

**Free Methodist Church**

Services of the Free Methodist Church are held regularly at Grange Hall. Morning worship with sermon by the pastor, Helen Bassett, on Sundays at 10:30 followed by Sunday School at 11:15. On Thursday evening, December 21, the Christmas exercises of the Sunday School will be held at the home of Gladys Edson.

**Northfield Club Holds  
Bazaar In New York**

For the purpose of aiding the scholarship fund of the Northfield Schools, the New York Northfield Club held their annual Christmas bazaar at the Central Presbyterian Church on Park Avenue in New York City on Tuesday evening, November 21, when members of the Northfield League and of the trustees of the Schools were invited guests. Rev. Dr. Theodore Speers, pastor of the church, and Mrs. Speers were guests of honor.

Miss Mabel Darrah, executive secretary of the Alumnae Association, was the speaker and she exhibited movies in color of recent activities at Hermon and the School for Girls. There was a lively sale of many articles suitable for Christmas gifts, including an oil painting of a scene in the Catskill Mountains, donated by the artist, Frank Bensing.

Mrs. C. P. Buffum of Main Street has taken an apartment at 43 Franklin Street in Greenfield for the winter.

**Town Topics**

James I. Callaghan BM2c of this town, who has served over 17 months on a coastguard manned LST in the Pacific, was at home on furlough. He has won several crew commendations for participation in several invasions.

Mrs. Arthur Martindale of South Vernon will spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Albert Spencer in Bellows Falls, Vt.

It is now reported that the sum of \$180 was realized in the sale recently at the home of Mrs. E. M. Powell for the Servicemen's Fund.

Mrs. George Befferle reports that the sum of \$175 has already been received in the sale of the Christmas seals.

The next meeting of the Fortnightly Club will be Friday, January 19, when Mrs. Orlo Bond will be the speaker.

Mrs. Eleanor Webster of this town has been on a two weeks' visit with relatives in New York City.

Our housewives must get busy and that means immediately for in a report to the local Salvage Committee, we are far short in our returns of fats. Only 47 per cent has been secured.

Mrs. George Weightman, noted national tennis champion and sponsor of the Weightman Cup, was a visitor at the Northfield School for Girls, Monday, December 11. She gave a tennis exhibition with one of her pupils, Miss Mary deYoung, junior champion two years ago and now a doubles champion and mixed double champion.

The play presented to the members of the Fortnightly at its meeting Friday, December 8, proved to be intensely interesting and entertaining. It was given under the direction of Mrs. Allen H. Wright. There was a large attendance and Mrs. George Sheldon, president, presided.

Nancy Bartrum of Nitro, W. Va., of the class of 1944 of the Northfield School for Girls, is president of the freshman class at Wellesley and Mary A. Cary, Medford, also of the class of '44, is freshman representative on Wellesley's superior court.

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**Town Topics**

Mr. and Mrs. H. Wesley Sargent and son, Hamilton, with Miss Natalie Kairott, all of Broad Brook, Conn., were recent guests at Valley Vista of Mr. and Mrs. Briesmaster and family.

Mrs. June (Bolton) Paradis, who is with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Bolton this winter, has been informed that her husband, Pvt. Armand Paradis, is with the troops in Belgium.

The Women's Missionary society of the South Vernon Church gave a well patronized public supper Friday evening, December 1, at the church.

The work of local women in the making of surgical dressings for the Red Cross has been concluded for the year under the chairman, Mrs. Nelson A. Spring. Some 85,951 dressings have been made and shipped. Sessions of the workers were in Alexander Hall.

Rollin E. and Robert B. Shearer have purchased the former Ozro Adams farm at the Farms from Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lively.

Pvt. Raymond A. Phelps, who is with the engineers in the Army, has arrived in England. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Phelps.

The engagement of Miss Sybil Severance, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Severance of this town and Donald F. O'Keefe, EM 2-c, son of

Mrs. Jennie O'Keefe of Crockett, Cal., has been announced. Miss Severance, a nurse, is employed at the Boston Lying-in hospital and Mr. O'Keefe is in the service stationed at New York. William Robert Compton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl C. Compton, is a second term freshman at Oberlin College and has just received a major letter in soccer for the past season. He is a graduate of Mount Hermon School.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Gates of 115 South Main street, Orange, will observe their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, December 24, from 2:30 to 5:30 o'clock when they will be glad to greet their many friends. Harry C. Gates and Nellie M. Crane were married at the bride's home, known as Crane cottage, on Winchester Road in 1894 by the Rev. Silas P. Cook.

John J. Mack, for over 50 years, baggage master at the East Northfield station and now retired, is living at the Vernon Home. This notation and his photo appears in the Boston and Maine Railroad Employees magazine for the current month.

At the recent meeting of the Connecticut Valley Pomona Grange, Lewis Shine of this town was chosen overseer and Mrs. Dorothy Jacobs secretary. ???

Word has been received that Tech. Sgt. Walter J. Aldrich of Turners Falls, died in France November 19. He had been previously reported as missing. He entered the army in March, 1941. He was born in Northfield November 30, 1906, and attended schools here and also State College.

Mrs. Howard Skinner, recently elected a lecturer of the Grange, will attend the state lecturers conference at Worcester this week.

Staff Sgt. Raymond A. Plotczyk, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Plotczyk of South Vernon, has recently graduated from the medical section clerks course at the Army Training Center, Fort Center, Fort Lewis, Washington. He will soon be assigned to duty.

Mrs. Bessie Dunklee and Mrs. Gertrude have been named a committee to arrange for the special Christmas service and program by the Sunday School of the South Vernon Church.

**LEGAL**

Take Notice: — All persons having bills against the Town of Northfield, should send them to the Selectmen not later than Tuesday, December 26, 1944, to receive attention.

FRED A. HOLDEN,  
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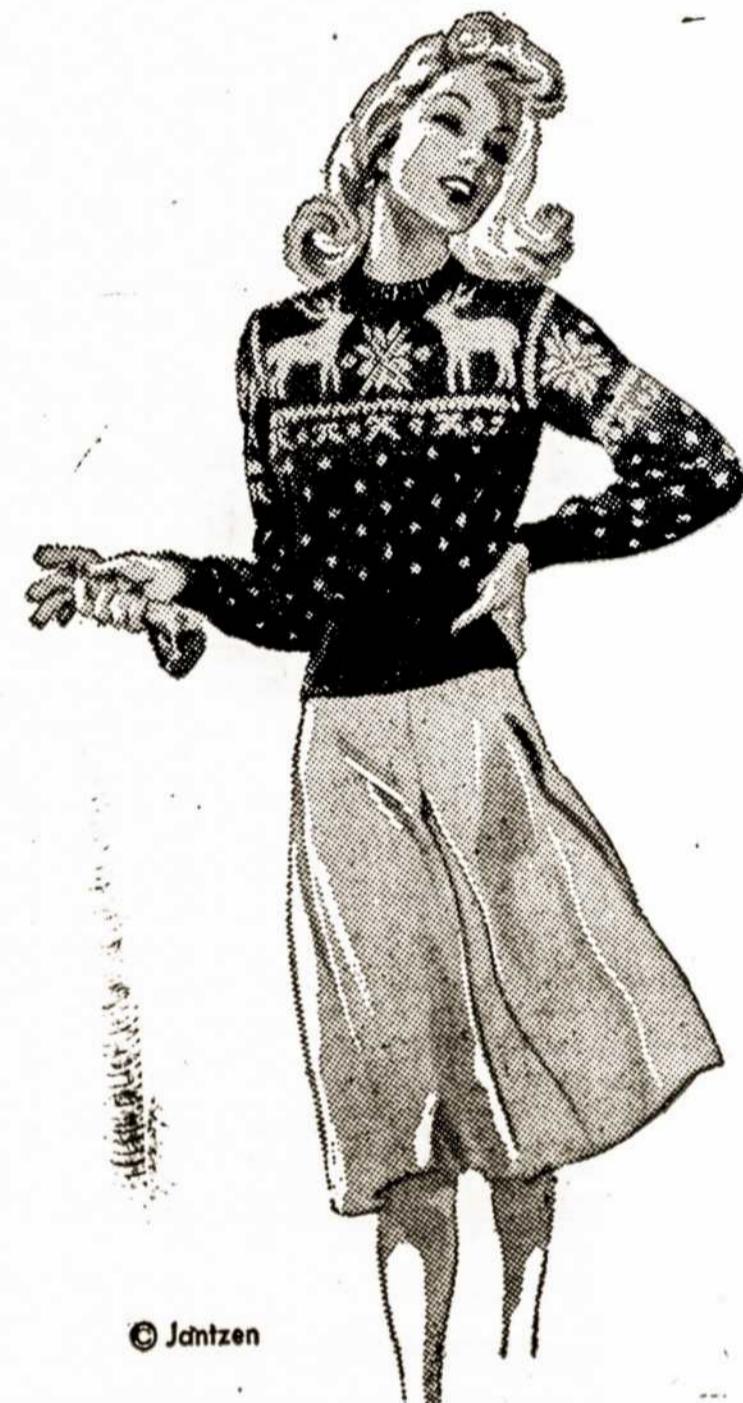
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**Town Topics**

Karl August Nilson died November 16 at Karlslund, Formosa, Sweden, at the age of 105 years. He was the oldest man in his country. Among those of his family who survive are Mrs. E. W. Scherlin of South Vernon, Miss Susie Nilson and Mrs. Clarence Rice, both of Brattleboro, and Mrs. Helen Lind of Maine, all daughters. They were notified of his death by cable.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Thomas Malbon, now residing in Greenfield, where Mr. Malbon is employed at the GTD Co., will spend the winter with her mother, Mrs. William R. Moody at the Homestead.

Friends here of Mrs. Marian N. MacDowell, widow of the famous Composer Edward A. MacDowell, observed her 87th birthday recently in New York. She is still actively interested in the maintenance of the MacDowell art and music colony in Peterborough, N. H., which is frequently visited by many from Northfield.

Small baskets of fruit were presented to many of the ill, aged and infirm of this town at Thanksgiving by the Salvation Army.

Harry A. Erickson of the Mount Hermon School faculty recently attended the New England conference of teachers of English which was held at Boston.

Frank W. Pearsall was chairman of the Republican Finance Committee of this town during the recent election campaign which secured considerable funds to further the campaign effort. The local Republican committee and the state committee has expressed appreciation of his efforts.

Dr. J. Seelye Bixler, president of Colby College, was the speaker at Sage Chapel Sunday morning, November 26, and Rev. Seymour Smith, chaplain at Rensselaer Polytechnic, was the speaker at Hermon Memorial Chapel.

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**Give WAR BONDS**

Dr. David R. Porter, formerly headmaster at Mount Hermon School and now with the War Prisoners Aid of the YMCA of New York was speaker at the Sunday morning service at Mount Hermon chapel December 10. Russell Sage chapel at 11 o'clock the speaker is the chaplain, Rev. Benjamin R. Andrews, Jr.

Mrs. George M. Ball of Winchester Road is spending the Christmas holidays in New York City and with her son and family, Prof. Robert H. Ball in Port Washington, Long Island.

The Christmas vacation for the Northfield School for Girls is from December 14 to January 10 and for Mount Hermon School from December 15 to January 3.

Dr. William E. Parks, president of the Northfield schools, was speaker at Middlebury College Sunday, December 10, and Headmaster Howard L. Rubendall of Mount Hermon was speaker at the Hill school, Pottstown, Pa., in the morning of the same day.

Barbara Boyden of Saxtons River, Vt., of the class of 1941, Northfield School for Girls, has been chosen president of the senior class at Middlebury College.

A vocational interest conference was held at the Northfield School for Girls Friday evening, November 17, when Misses Elizabeth Homet and Elsie Scott presented the field of opportunities in the field of science. The conference was one of a series arranged for the girls.

Mrs. Guy P. Gannett, president of the National Federation of Music Clubs, speaks to the Northfield School for Girls at chapel Monday, December 10.

W. Howard Niblock of Mount Hermon School faculty was a speaker at the recent YMCA Conference for older boys, on vocational guidance, held in Keene.

Robert V. McCullough of Ashuelot Road, who with his wife, are in Greenfield for the winter, is a member of the quartette in the choir of the Greenfield Methodist Church.

The property known as Sunset Farm belonging to Mrs. Charles E. Leach has been sold to Mr. and Mrs. John J. Galvis, who will use for residence and farm purposes.

Accompanied by Paul Iverson of the Bible department of Mount Hermon School, a group of boys attended the older boys conference of the YMCA recently held in this state at Melrose.

The fall athletic awards at Mount Hermon School will be bestowed at the annual athletic banquet Thursday, December 14.

Mrs. Camila Bittle has resigned as social science teacher at Center School and the position will have to be filled by the School Board.

Pupils of our schools have collected 21 bags of milkweed pods in response to a government appeal. They have already been shipped for factory use.

Do your Christmas shopping early and Postmaster Skilton urges that you mail all Christmas cards, letters and packages at the earliest possible time.

Percy F. Dean of East Street has purchased the Giebel residence on Main Street which he expects to divide into apartments.

Miss Virginia Powell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Powell, is in Washington awaiting an assignment for overseas service with the Red Cross. She has been engaged in Red Cross work for the past two years and over, serving in the hospitals at Fort Devens and at Mitchell Field.

**TOWN HALL MOVIES**

**FRIDAY EVENINGS — 8 O'CLOCK**

Dec. 8—**HAPPY GO LUCKY** — Dick Powell  
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